



BOATWATCH 2017 STANDARD PROCEDURES

PRIMARY AIM - To assist the MoD police in deterring theft of and vandalism to members' boats in the Club's mooring area and to report any suspicious activities. It is the responsibility of the police to intercept, investigate, apprehend and prosecute.

SECONDARY AIM - To report other safety and security problems noted with the Club site, members' boats, dinghies etc. and ashore.

DUTY TIMES - From sunset to sunrise with 3 periods of about ¾ hours of active lookout at random intervals during the hours of darkness.

PROCEDURE

1. At the clubhouse, log on to the MoD Police (tel **01752 553384**) **using the club mobile phone** and fill in the logbook. If for any reason you use any other phone please record this in the log. This will assist with the correlation of the boatwatch log with the club mobile phone account.
2. Collect and check searchlight. Check clubhouse and site for obvious break-in or vandalism.

AFLOAT

- Boatwatchers carrying out their duties afloat should be accompanied (habitual single-handed sailors may be exempted).
- Embark, move to vacant mooring on east side of river off the Crooked Spaniard with good views up- and down-river. If possible, on the way check the moorings in daylight for signs of break-in etc.
- Inform people on their boats that you are on Boatwatch, especially non-CYC members.
- On the chosen mooring you may wish to display an anchor light at night to show that the vessel is manned.
- The importance of a passive watch (looking through a good pair of binoculars and listening) cannot be over-emphasized. Use the searchlight to keep active watch – **the aim is deterrence**.
- Monitor VHF Channel 9, but use the mobile phone to call the police if necessary.
- Avoid disturbing dwellings ashore.

ASHORE

- Carry out patrols from Club causeway, Crooked Spaniard's quay and Sammy Sands using searchlight to sweep the moorings area – **the aim is deterrence**.
 - Do not disturb villagers but be aware of general village security when there.
3. On completion of duty return to the clubhouse, log off with the MoD Police, and fill in the logbook. Return all equipment, put mobile phone and searchlight on charge as instructed, and note any defects in the equipment logbook.
 4. **YOUR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT - if you have the slightest suspicion, don't hesitate to call the MoD police**, using the club mobile phone – they will welcome your call.

The Boatwatch mobile phone should not be used for private calls except in an emergency.

The dates for your Boatwatch cover have been matched to the information given by you. Should you find you are unable to fulfill your commitment on the allotted night, please arrange a substitution by swapping the duty or arranging cover with another member. Once the substitution has been agreed, let me know as there may be financial implication for both parties, for preference by email to boatwatch@cycadmin.org.

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